

Appendix

A Survey Combination and Question Wording

Table A.1: Policy Fields: Assignment

ID	Local Militia Survey (Author et al., 2019)	Municipal Secretaries Survey (Steiner et al., 2019)
1	State order (people, fundamental rights, institutions and people’s rights, elections)	Municipal administration: total; Municipal administration: population services; Municipal authorities
2	Civil rights (minorities, equality, data protection)	
3	Public finances (taxes, subsidies, austerity measures)	Municipal administration: Financial administration
4	Economy (industry, trade, commerce)	Economic promotion
5	Work (occupational safety, trade unions, unemployment)	Support and assistance for the unemployed
6	Energy (electricity, water, nuclear and renewable energy)	Energy supply
7	Migration (naturalization, integration, refugees, asylum)	Care for asylum seekers; Integration of foreigners
8	Crime (prisons, juvenile delinquency)	
9	Construction/real estate (spatial planning, urban development, housing)	Spatial planning and zoning; Public buildings; Approval of planning applications
10	Education (schools, universities, kindergartens)	Public schools
11	Forestry/Agriculture	Landscape and site protection
12	Health (health care, food, veterinary, health promotion and prevention)	Support and care for the elderly; Spitex; Retirement and nursing homes;
13	Environment (drinking water, air pollution, waste, recycling)	Environmental protection; Water supply
14	Sports/Recreation	Sport/Sports Facilities
15	Culture	Culture
16	Infrastructure (disposal, recycling, roads, water supply)	Waste water/sewage system; Waste/disposal
17	Security (military, defence, civil protection, police)	Fire brigade; Municipal police tasks
18	Transport (private and public transport)	Public transport; Private transport (road construction/traffic calming)
19	Social policy (family policy, social insurance, social assistance, social services, external child care)	Youth work; Social assistance; Supplementary childcare for families; Care for drug addicts;
20	Technology (science, telecommunications, broadcasting, meteorology)	Municipal Administration: IT

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ID	Local Militia Survey (Author et al., 2019)	Municipal Secretaries Survey (Steiner et al., 2019)
21	External relations of the municipality	

Note. The basis for the assignment of policy areas is column 2 (two policy areas have no correspondence in the other data source: ID 2 and 21). “;” separates individual policies in column 3.

Table A.2: Question Wording: Surveys

Variable	Question	Source
Inter-Municipal Cooperation	Do you perform the following tasks yourself, in intercommunal cooperation schemes, or with private providers? [List of 32 tasks from Table A.1, column 3] Internal Production (=no cooperation) Joint Service Provision (scheme under public law) (=cooperation) Joint Service Provision (scheme under private law) (=cooperation) Delegation (buying services from other municipality) (=cooperation) Outsourcing (buying services from private provider) (=cooperation) No Local Task/Does Not Apply (=NA)	(Steiner et al., 2019)
<i>Independent Variables</i>	Which policy area do you most frequently deal with in your militia work? [List of 21 policy areas from Table A.1, column 3] Please tick the box to indicate the extent to which you agree with the individual statements on your priority area [Don't agree at all–Totally agree]	Author et al. (2019)
Importance	This area is relevant for my municipality	
Autonomy	In this area, there is a lot of room for manoeuvre at the municipal level (in comparison to other areas)	
Saliency	The area is often discussed in the media/public	
Conflictivity	The area is often the subject of political conflicts	
Legitimacy	The tasks performed in this area are often challenged by other actors (political actors, population)	
Pressure		
<i>Functional Pressure</i>	There may be problems that the municipalities can hardly handle in an adequate way due to workload or lack of expertise. Are such performance limits visible in your municipality? [List of 32 policy areas from Table A.1, column 3] Please answer this question for all of the following tasks. 0=no performance limits in sight (=none) 1=limits in sight (=low) 2=limits reached (=medium) 3=limits passed (=high) NA=task does not concern municipality	(Steiner et al., 2019)

B Additional Figures and Tables

Figure B.1: Cooperation Intensity by Policy Field, Municipalities of Local Militia Survey

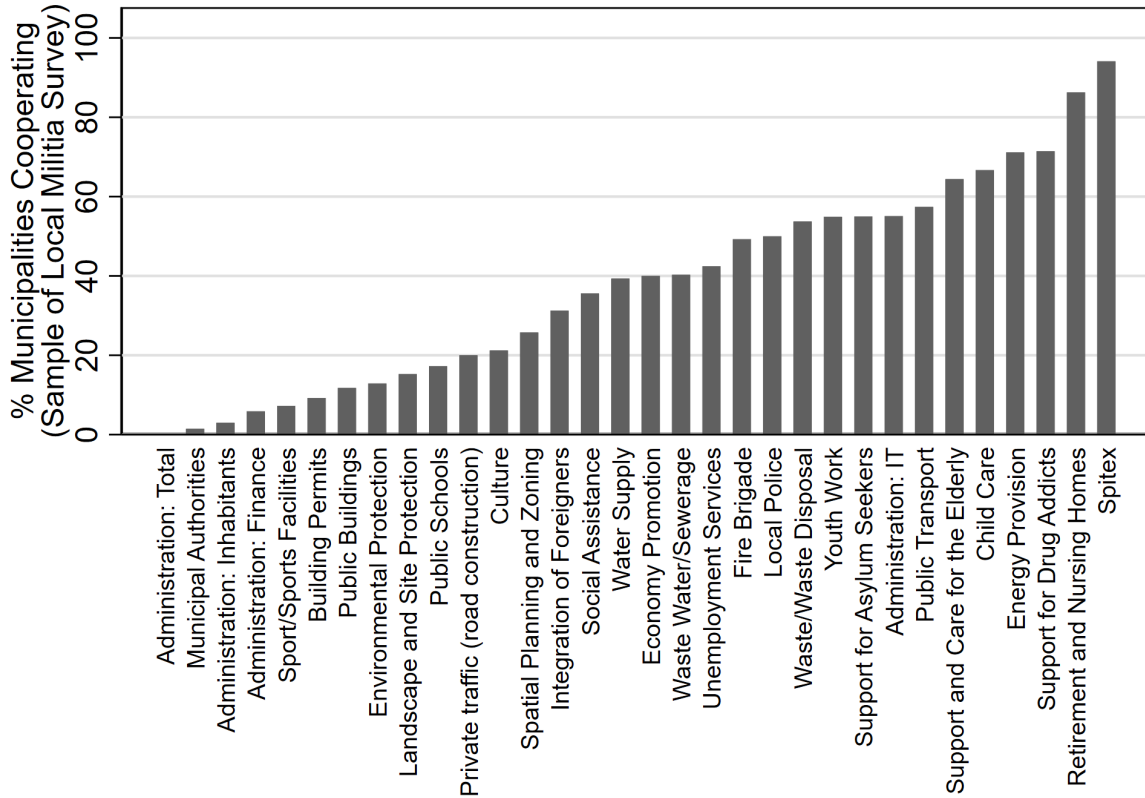


Table B.1: Correlation Matrix of Items

	Importance	Autonomy	Saliency	Conflictivity
Autonomy	.141***			
Saliency	.182***	.077**		
Conflictivity	.108***	-.018	.565***	
Legitimacy	.068*	.019	.395***	.579***
Pressure				

Note. * <.05, ** <.01, *** <.001.

C Robustness: Policy Perceptions as Individual Indicators

Figure C.1: Intermunicipal Cooperation: Multilevel Logistic Regression Model

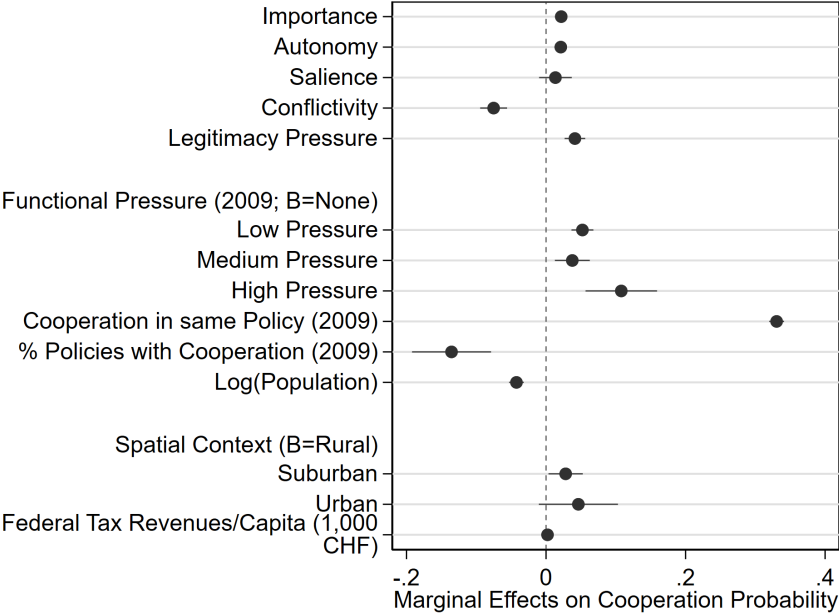


Figure C.2: Types of Service Provision: Multinomial Logistic Regression Model

